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SOURCE A former Cuban IS officer who served with the Cuban Intelligence Service until April 1964.

Headquarters Comments

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Andres ARMONA, pseudonym "Ernesto," is the officer in charge of the Haiti Desk in the Seccion Central (Central American Section) of the Departamento de Liberacion Nacional (The National Liberation Department - LN) of the Direccion General de Inteligencia (General Directorate of Intelligence - DGI). ARMONA was formerly the Cuban Commercial Attache in Mexico. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

Headquarters Comments

1. A report dated 8 August 1961, from a fairly reliable source, stated that one Andres ARMONA Ramos had been issued a diplomatic visa by the Costa Rican Embassy in Habana. ARMONA was newly appointed as secretary first-class to the Cuban Embassy in San Jose; he was also expected to serve as temporary charge d'affaires in the Embassy.

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2. A usually reliable source with good contacts [in the Costa Rican government] reported that one (fnu) ARMONAS was a Cuban G-2 agent based at the Cuban Embassy in San Jose. ARMONAS reportedly was the senior official who went to Costa Rica with instructions to reorganize all existing Cuban fronts. This information was received in a report dated 21 August 1961.
3. This same source, in a report dated 1 September 1961, stated that (fnu) ARMONAS, the Cuban G-2 agent in Costa Rica, delivered a lecture at a meeting on 21 August 1961, sponsored by the Cubans. He spoke particularly to a group of Communist sympathizers and militants who were chosen to go to Cuba during the week starting 27 August 1961, to receive six weeks of instruction in guerrilla activities in the Province of Las Villas.
4. On 6 September 1961, a usually reliable source reported that Andres Nicolas ARMONA Ramos, diplomatic passport number D/61/173, arrived in Mexico on 15 May 1961, departed Mexico for Habana on 5 June 1961, returned to Mexico on 28 July 1961, and departed Mexico for San Jose on 30 July 1961. ARMONA was described as having been born in 1919, a mulatto, and married.
5. In the 7 August 1961, issue of the San Jose daily newspaper, La Hora, it was reported that Andres Nicolas ARMONA Ramos, the Cuban Charge d'Affaires, was replacing Cuban Ambassador Juan Jose FUXA Saenz.
6. A report dated 29 August 1962, from a usually reliable source, stated that Andres ARMONA Ramos, the new Cuban Commercial Counselor of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico, arrived in Mexico on 24 August 1962, and would replace Ramon CUENCA Montoto.
7. A Mexican businessman with close contacts in commercial and shipping circles stated, in a report dated 29 October 1962, that there had been no evidence that Andres ARMONA Ramos had replaced CUENCA as chief of G-2 in Mexico. According to the source, ARMONA is highly intellectual and has no understanding of commercial activities. CUENCA suggested that ARMONA be transferred to the Cultural Section and source believes that this will be the case.
8. Documentary information received in a report dated 25 June 1963, from a representative of this Agency in Mexico revealed the following information:

Andres ARMONA Ramos, a Negro who was born in Habana, Cuba, on 30 November 1918, is the Commercial Attache at the Cuban Embassy in Mexico City. He holds passport number D/62/490. His wife, Irma MILAN Olivera de Armona, holds passport number E/62/637. ARMONA has two children, Fidel ARMONA Milan and Margarita ARMONA Milan. In Mexico City, ARMONA and his family reside

at Pachuca 127.

9. A report dated 23 April 1964, from a fairly reliable source, stated that Andres ARMONA, formerly of the Commercial Office of the Cuban Embassy in Mexico, is in trouble in Cuba for having kept such poor records of expenditures; he came close to being thrown into jail. He has now been relegated to clipping newspapers, clearly demoted. He left things in such an awful mess at the office in Mexico City, people there are still trying to straighten out his accounts.